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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Examiner's statement of reasons of allowance mailed on July 26, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following comments be entered in the record of the above-referenced patent application.

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COMMENTS

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Assignee.

Assignee agrees that claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Assignee takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than positions Assignee may have previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Assignee as an indication of the basis for Assignees' belief that claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Assignee to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Assignee agrees with or acquiesce in the reasoning of the Examiner, here, by this document, Assignee is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

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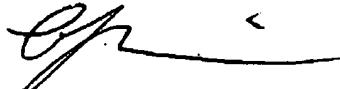
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3703.

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